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TAGS: OREP (CODEL O'NEILL)

SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS ON CODEL O'NEILL VISIT

- 1. CODEL O'NEILL GROUP MADE SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR LOW-PROFILE PRESS COVERAGE DURING ITS APRIL 3-7 VISIT TO ISRAEL AND KEPT ITS PROFILE LOW DURING ENTIRE TRIP.
- 2. AFTER BRIEF ARRIVAL STORIES, PRESS GAVE ONLY SKETCHY COVERAGE OF DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE. CODEL O'NEILL'S COMMENTS AT BRIEF PLANESIDE NEWS CONFERENCE UPON DEPARTURE PROVIDED PRESS WITH FIRST AND ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BY CODEL.
- 3. JERUSALEM POST, WHICH PUBLISHED DISPATCH BY ISRAELI WIRE SERVICE " ITEM," CARRIED SHORT PAGE 2 ITEM QUOTING CODEL O'NEILL AS SAYING THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE IS A PROBLEM FOR THE ARAB NATIONS TO SOLVE. CODEL ENDORSED IDEA OF PALESTINIAN STATE, BUT " DECLINED TO SPECIFY WHERE IT WHOULD BE," ITEM SAID.
- 4. ITEM REPORTED CODEL SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO WASHINGTON FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. HE WAS QUOTED AS COMMENTING THAT ISRAEL WAS "FLEXIBLE ENOUGH" DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEDIATION, BUT THAT BOTH SIDES "HELD VERY HARD ATTITUDES."

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5. COMMENT: WHILE SPOT COVERAGE WAS LIGHT, WE ANTICIPATE THAT
COMMENTARIES WILL START AS POLITICAL REPORTERS TAP THEIR
ISRAELI SOURCES ON SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS AND ANALYZE IMPACT
OF RECENT OF CODEL VISITS ON FABRIC OF US-ISRAELI RELATIONS.
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